

## **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

An apparatus for and method of utilizing an Internet terminal coupled to the world wide  
5 web to access a legacy data base management system having a dialog-based request format to  
prepare, modify, and execute stored procedures. The user request is passed to the legacy data base  
management system via the Internet. The command type is determined whereby list, parameter,  
column, and execute commands are defined. In response to the user request, the scripted  
procedure is accessed, prepared, modified, or executed, as appropriate. Invalid and/or undefined  
10 requests result in an error response. Valid and defined requests result in performance of the  
requested command and transfer of an appropriate response to the user terminal.